

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager

Robert D. Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director, Austin Transportation Department

Howard Lazarus, P.E., Director, Public Works Department

DATE: September 12, 2014

SUBJECT: Right of Way Activity Moratorium: October 27-November 3, 2014

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that a moratorium is being issued for permitted activities that seek to occupy sidewalks or lanes of traffic downtown, from October 27 through November 3, 2014. The primary area of influence affected by this moratorium will be bounded by Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to Oltorf St. and Mopac Expy. to Chicon St., known as the Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone (DAPCZ). There could be secondary areas, along corridors with hotels and high activity centers, that will be closely monitored to determine if the moratorium area of influence needs to be extended.

This activity moratorium will make available much needed lanes of traffic to accommodate our out-of-town guests and provide contractors an opportunity to focus on cleaning up their work sites. Our Operations divisions will also spend time cleaning and preparing the downtown area for the crowds coming to Austin.

Similar to previous years, a review process will be implemented for Capital Improvement Projects in the DAPCZ area to determine if they may be exempt from total moratorium or stop work, based on review by the Director of Public Works and the Director of Transportation.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact Jason Redfern or Frances Hargrove in the Austin Transportation Department, or Carolyn Perez in the Public Works Department.